

SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AND PARKING AUTHORITY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 6, 2012  
Room 400, City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION  
1 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Nolan, Chairman  
Cheryl Brinkman, Vice Chairman  
Leona Bridges  
Malcolm Heinicke  
Jerry Lee  
Bruce Oka  
Joél Ramos

Edward Reiskin  
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

Roberta Boomer  
BOARD SECRETARY

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Present: Leona Bridges  
Cheryl Brinkman  
Malcolm Heinicke  
Tom Nolan  
Bruce Oka  
Joél Ramos

Absent: Jerry Lee – with notification

### 3. Announcement of prohibition of sound producing devices during the meeting.

Chairman Nolan announced that the ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at the meeting. He advised that any person responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices might be removed from the meeting. He also advised that cell phones that are set on “vibrate” cause microphone interference and requested that they be placed in the “off” position.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

On motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2012 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Lee-absent).

### 5. Communications

None.

### 6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

### 7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition Award
- Update on bicycle projects
- Ongoing Activities

Director Reiskin presented Special Recognition Awards to Lance Greenfield, Parking Control Officer, Safety, Training, Security & Enforcement; James White and Sedrick McArther, Transit Operators, Transit Operations and Kitty Wong, personnel analyst, Administration Division.

Director Reiskin also discussed various bike projects and the Agency's actions in response to the recent earthquake.

#### 8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

#### 9. Public Comment

Mark Gruberg stated that taxi drivers are in the clutches of the Board with medallion sales and now, with the proposal to lease a third of the fleet to cab companies. The impact will be that over 500 drivers will not get a medallion and this robs them of their future. He urged the Board to not go forward with the plan.

Saam Aryan stated that the demand for taxis keeps growing and the SFMTA needs to look at the whole picture including offering comfort and productivity. Drivers held a demonstration with 600 cabs circling City Hall. He urged the Board to put taxi issues on the ballot.

Tone Lee spoke about taxi issues including upgrading the dispatch system and creating zone districts. Selling taxi medallions is good if cab drivers are allowed to sublease.

Barry Korngold spoke about medallion reform and stated that the industry needs regulating. There is a difference between making things fair and getting into the business. The current plan takes away from cab drivers as it has been the practice that medallions go to drivers. This keeps good drivers in the industry and raises drivers to a management level. He urged the Board not go forward with the plan.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION AS STATED BY THE SFMTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO OR CITY ATTORNEY WHERE APPLICABLE. EXPLANATORY DOCUMENTS FOR ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT 1 SOUTH VAN NESS AVE. 7<sup>th</sup> FLOOR.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

10. All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors and will be acted upon by a single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of Directors or the public so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

(10.1) Requesting the Controller to allot funds and to draw warrants against such funds available or will be available in payment of the following claims against the SFMTA:

- A. William Lue vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC10499081 filed on 4/24/10 for \$18,000

RESOLUTION 12-026

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL – Masonic Avenue at Ewing Terrace.
- B. ESTABLISH – RED ZONES – Bosworth Street, south side, from 0 feet to 26 feet west of Brompton Avenue; Bosworth Street, north side, from 5 feet to 25 feet east of Brompton Avenue; and Bosworth Street, south side, from 0 feet to 26 feet west of Hamerton Avenue.
- C. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING VEHICLES OVER 6 FEET HIGH – Thomas Street, north side, from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 100 feet easterly.
- D. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA S, 2-HR PARKING, 8 AM TO 9 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Noe Street - 1000 Block, both sides, between 23<sup>rd</sup> and Elizabeth Streets.
- E. ESTABLISH – NO VEHICLES GREATER THAN 6 FEET TALL – 19<sup>th</sup> Street, south side, from Alabama St. to 100 feet westerly; and 19<sup>th</sup> Street, north side, from Alabama St. to 100 feet easterly.
- F. ESTABLISH – NO U-TURN – Parnassus Avenue, eastbound at Hillway Avenue.
- G. ESTABLISH – 90 DEGREE PARKING – Head Street, east side, from Shakespeare Street to southern terminus.
- H. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Head Street, west side, from Shakespeare Street to Santa Barbara Avenue.
- I. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING and ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING – 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, west side, from Irving Street to 20' northerly; 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, east side, from Irving Street to 21' southerly; Irving Street, south side, from 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 19' westerly; Irving Street, north side, from 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 19' easterly; Judah Street, south side, from 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 17' westerly; and Judah Street, north side, from 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 24' - 7" easterly.
- J. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME – Rousseau Street, east side, between Still Street and Cayuga Avenue. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 12-027

Item 10.2 F was severed by a member of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Item 10.2F:

Mark Gruberg expressed opposition to item 10.2F

(10.3) Authorizing the Director to accept from KLA a gift of \$500,000 to fund the design, construction and inspection of a new traffic signal system at Masonic Avenue and Ewing Terrace and a signal modification at Masonic Avenue, Anza Street and O'Farrell Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and agreement.)

RESOLUTION 12-028

(10.4) Authorizing the Director to execute a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the State of Minnesota for the procurement of diesel coaches. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and agreement.)

RESOLUTION 12-029

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Bridges, Brinkman, Heinicke, Nolan, Oka and Ramos

ABSENT - Lee

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion of the Operating Budget for FY 2013 and FY 2014 and public hearing regarding possible changes to various fares, fees, fines, rates and charges, transit service modifications and expenditure reductions. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and exhibits.)

Ed Reiskin presented the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

People expressing opposition to the budget: Vera Haile, Mark Gruberg, Jim De Lange and Christopher Fulkerson

Anonymous expressed neither support nor opposition to the budget.

People expressing support for free Muni for youth: Kathy Lipscomb, Jane Martin, Donaji Luna, Eduardo, Ying Lu, Ed Willard, Manuela Esteva, Iris Biblowitz, Anali, Alma Merlin, Joanne Abernathy, Jarone Brown, Beatrice Herrera, Wai-Kirn, Angelina Yu, Pele Navarro, Pati Fernandez, Supervisor David Avalos, Maria Luna, Teresa Molina, Supervisor David Campos, Supervisor Jane Kim, Supervisor Eric Mar, Supervisor Christina Olague, Teresa Mendoza, Sandra Lee Feuer, School Board member, Marcy Rein, Jorge Koyama, Luis Barahona, Laura Copado, Estela Rosales, Judy Kuang, Alicia Garza, Mario Yedidia, Youth Commissioner, Fernando, Lorena Melgarejo, Lalo and David, Steve Williams, Gabby Rodriguez, Carlos Rios, Joshua Arce, Claudia Bustamante, Elizabeth Montiel, Jose Luis, Ernest

Stokes, Kevin Cho, Candon Guan, Teresa Alvarez, Kyron Coventington, Nicholas Perksy, Youth Commissioner, Sarah Armstrong, Youth Commissioner, Leah LaCroix, Youth Commissioner, Eric Wu, Kali Sihu, Vivian Ng, Annie Huang, Ralph Ng, Yumi Nguyen, Sami, Michelle Zhang and Elsa Iao, Deron Davis, Juana Tello, Alex Sarmiento, Julissa Santiago, Cynthia Henriqueza, William Barnett, Tina Sataraka, David Yu, Victoria Lai, Amy Ung, and Paulo Acosta.

Tone Lee expressed opposition to free Muni for youth.

12. Presentation and discussion regarding the Transit Effectiveness Project. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

This item was continued to the March 20, 2012 meeting.

13. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) as to whether to conduct a closed session.

On motion to invoke the attorney-client privilege: unanimously approved (Lee-absent).

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the closed session to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Leona Bridges  
Cheryl Brinkman  
Malcolm Heinicke  
Tom Nolan  
Bruce Oka  
Joél Ramos

Absent: Jerry Lee – with notification

Also present: Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation  
Caroline Celaya, Assistant Board Secretary  
Julia Friedlander, Deputy City Attorney  
Debra A. Johnson, Director, Administration  
John Haley, Director, Transit Services  
Sonali Bose, Director, Finance and Information Technology

Bond Yee, Director, Sustainable Streets  
Reggie Mason, Director, Safety, Training, Security & Enforcement  
Joanne Hoeper, Deputy City Attorney  
Jim Hannawalt, Deputy City Attorney  
Brendan Patrick, City Attorney IT staff  
Paula Lecht, City Attorney IT staff

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and the Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a) (3), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in Closed Session to discuss and take action on attorney-client matters in the following case:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing Litigation:

Transport Workers Union, Local 250A v. CCSF, Superior Court # CPF-12-511972, filed 2/23/2012

Michael John Allen et al v. CCSF, Superior Court # CGC-11-508191, filed 2/14/2011

Investigation into the Operations, Practices and Conduct of the SFMTA Regarding Ongoing Public Safety Issues, California Public Utilities Commission, I. 11-02-017, Issued on 2/24/2011

4. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9 (b), and Administrative Code Section 67.10 (b) (2), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in closed session to discuss attorney-client matters in the following case(s):

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Anticipated Litigation:

As defendant or  As plaintiff

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION - The closed session was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

14. Announcement of Closed Session.

Chairman Nolan announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss existing litigation with the City Attorney. The Board of Directors took no action. There was no discussion of anticipated litigation.

15. Motion to disclose or not disclose the information discussed in closed session.

On motion to not disclose the information discussed: unanimously approved (Lee-absent).

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

A tape of the meeting is on file in the office of the Secretary to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors.



Roberta Boomer  
Board Secretary

The Ethics Commission of the City and County of San Francisco has asked us to remind individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [S.F. Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code section 2.100 et seq.] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the Ethics Commission at 415.581.2300; fax: 415.581.2317; 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, SF, CA 94102-6027 or the web site: [sfgov.org/ethics](http://sfgov.org/ethics).